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The BETHEL OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN

Volume L—Number 14

BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1944

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QUICK WORK CUTS DAMAGE AT FARM FIRE TODAY

Fire of unknown origin caused damage of about \$100 to the home of Arthur Cummings at the Burk farm on Paradise Hill this Thursday afternoon. When the fire was discovered flames were sweeping the length of the eaves, but the blaze was under control before the pumper crew arrived.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Gilbert LeClair spent several days last week in Boston.

Harry Cole visited relatives in Mechanic Falls and Auburn last week.

Mrs. Lucien Littlehale, who has been confined to her bed, is able to sit up.

Robert Foster visited Roger Gould at South Portland over the week end.

Mrs. Herbert R. Bean of Old Orchard visited relatives in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ava Austin was the guest of Mrs. Edward Green at South Paris Tuesday.

Mrs. Sidney Dyke and daughter Sylvia have been recent guests of Lt. Dyke at Bangor.

Miss Rachel Gordon of Burdett College is spending a week's vacation at her home.

Mrs. Vernon Brown spent several days last week with Sgt. Brown at Portland.

Lucien Littlehale crushed his finger quite badly two weeks ago and is still unable to work.

Marjorie Doyne is at home from Perkins Institute, Watertown, Mass., for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis arrived home last Thursday night after spending four months in Florida.

Mrs. Ralph Young left this morning to visit her son, Cpl. Richard T. Young, and family in Jessup.

Mrs. Masters York of Plainfield, Vt., was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wheeler.

Friends of Mrs. Ralph Dennison (Barbara Sears) of Reading, Mass., will be pleased to know of the birth of a daughter last Friday.

Mrs. Addie Farwell and Mrs. Lena Wright have returned from a visit with Mrs. Wright's son, William, of Newington, Conn.

Mrs. Jennie Littlehale, who has been a patient at the Maine General Hospital the past three weeks, is more comfortable at present.

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Rooms Tuesday night, April 11. A pot luck supper will precede the meeting.

Mrs. Doris Lord visited Mrs. Marion Buck at Norway Tuesday. They attended the Annual Women's Club Luncheon at the Congregational Church, where Harrison Lakin, diplomat, was the speaker.

Lee Carver entertained at a party at his home Saturday evening. Those present were Marlene Anderson, Eleanor Gurney, Marilyn Judkins, Laurabelle Bennett, Barbara Pretty, Raymond York, Richard Ireland, and Donald Lord. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Sunset Feb'kah Lodge held a meeting Monday evening preceded by a pot luck supper. It was voted to give the Decoration of Chivalry to Miss Susie Plaisted. It was announced that a rehearsal for degree work will be held Tuesday evening. A whist party will be held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Leroy Bennett with Mrs. Mary Brown as co-hostess.

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The following schedule gives the detailed prices on various grades and species of pulp at the different points in Zone I which covers the entire state of Maine.

Delivered F.O.B. Lake or Road—mill by car Stream side truck

Spruce and fir:

Peeled \$17.00 \$16.25 \$15.00 \$18.00

Rough 14.50 13.75 12.00 15.50

Hemlock:

Peeled 15.75 15.00 13.75 16.75

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Poplar:

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Rough 13.75 11.25 14.75

Pine:

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EASTERN STAR PROGRAM

A pot luck supper preceded the meeting of the Eastern Star Wednesday night. Mrs. John Irvine was installed as Warden. Following the meeting a program of games, songs and a quiz was presented by Mrs. D. Grover Brooks and Mrs. Earl Davis. Mrs. Ruth Hastings was presented with a Past Matron's pin by Worthy Matron Ada Conner. It was voted to have a pot luck supper preceding the May meeting. Mrs. Virginia Hood, Mrs. Ada Conner and Mrs. Doris Bryant committee.

LADIES CLUB TO BE GUESTS

The Junior Guild of the Congregational Church has invited the Ladies Club to a supper and program in the church dining room, next Wednesday evening. Mrs. Cleora Adams of Hartford, Maine, will give a lecture illustrated by colored slides. The public is cordially invited to attend the lecture at 7:30.

ROWE HILL

The community raised \$3.00 for the Red Cross. When you consider that there are only six families here that isn't so bad.

Miss Gloria Spencer was a caller at Mrs. Colby Ring's recently from North Waterford.

Mrs. Winnie Hanscom was home for the week end. Sylvia Ring went to Locke Mills with her Monday for a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. Iva Lang.

Billy Ring visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Ring this week.

Several from this place attended Church at Locke Mills Sunday April 2.

Newton Bryant is more comfortable this week.

Colby Ring has some trees tapped. They are making some syrup although the trees are not running as good as some years when the ground is frozen.

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LIONEL CORPORATION BUYS MILL AT WEST PARIS

The West Paris branch of the Paris Manufacturing Co., idle for 15 years, has been purchased by the Lionel Corporation of Irvington, N. J. It is reported that this company, which is now entirely occupied with war contracts, will manufacture hardwood boxes for the Navy and wooden equipment for the Signal Corps at their new plant. The company states that operation in other lines will continue after the war. Plans are being made for the necessary work of repair and renovation which will start by the middle of this month.

RATION TIMETABLE

Meats and Fats: Red Stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, H8, J8 in Book Four, worth 10 points each, good indefinitely. Red tokens worth one point each, used as change. Red stamps K8, L8 and M8 become valid April 9 and are good indefinitely.

Processed Foods: Blue Stamps A8, B8, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, H8, J8 in Book Four, worth 10 points each, good indefinitely. Blue tokens worth one point each, used as change.

Sugar: "Sugar" Stamp No. 30 and "Sugar" Stamp No. 31 in Book Four good for five pounds indefinitely. "Sugar" Stamp No. 40 in Book Four good for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945. A maximum of 20 pounds of sugar per person for home canning in addition will be granted on application to Local War Price and Rationing Boards.

Shoes: Airplane Stamp No. 1 in Book Three good for one pair indefinitely. Stamp No. 18 in Book One expires April 30. A new stamp will become valid May 1.

Fuel Oil: Period Four and Period Five coupons good through Sept. 30. All coupons worth 10 gallons of oil.

Gasoline: No. 9 stamps in basic A book good for three gallons through May 8. B2 and C2 coupons good for five gallons. Serially numbered B3 and C3 coupons good for five gallons.

Tire Inspection: Inspection deadlines for A cars Sept. 30; for B cars, June 30; for C cars, May 31.

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Mrs. Clarence Rolfe entertained a group of small boys and girls Saturday afternoon in

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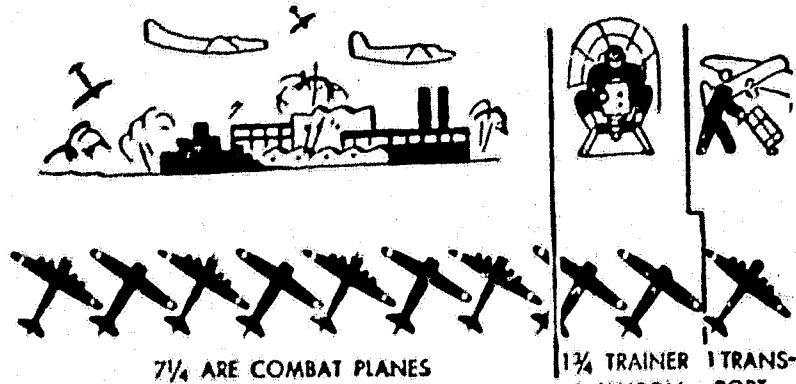
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AGRICULTURE:

Food Supply

Civilian food supplies during 1944 should be the same as last year with farmers continuing record breaking performances. War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said, but stocks of milk, cheese and fats may be slightly less.

At the end of 1943, the U. S. had the largest livestock inventory in history, Jones said, with 19 per cent more hogs and 3 per cent more cattle, although sheep and lamb numbers were down 4 per cent.

With farmers urged to cultivate 16,000,000 more acres than last year, they still face manpower problems, Jones related. The outlook for production of farm machinery and fertilizer have improved, he added. Revealing \$350,000,000 was spent for supporting farm prices in 1943, Jones said they served the double purpose of offering incentive for production and holding down consumer costs.

Postwar Outlook

Addressing the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies in Chicago, Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard declared postwar America's exportable surplus of farm commodities would be 15 per cent of production.

Assessing the figure resulted after estimating increased domestic demand for consumption and industry, Wickard said: "Again we are either going to have to extend credit or give agricultural products to other nations, or we are going to have to accept goods and services in exchange."

Advances in agricultural production will pose a major problem in postwar America, Wickard said, remarking that with only moderate demand and usual educational methods, yields will jump up 40 per cent in six years.

WAGES:

Peg Sticks

Testifying before the senate banking committee considering extension of rice control after June 30, War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis declared that the WLB intended to stand by its "Little Steel formula" limiting wage increases to 15 per cent over January 1941, levels, but only if living costs remain relatively stabilized.

To assure such stabilization, Davis recommended continuation of consumer subsidies. Prohibition of raises in basic commodities and make present wages inadequate, Davis said.

Davis opposed suggestions that wages be limited, declaring such action would work against promotions and upgrades, and discourage state to industry.

WORLD RELIEF:
Authorize UNRRA

By overwhelming vote, congress put itself on record for participating in world relief by authorizing expenditures of \$1,350,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to help the people of occupied countries get back on their feet following their liberation.

Although UNRRA will feed, clothe and restore essential services in the stricken countries, it will do so only for the purpose of getting the people started in rebuilding their agricultural and industrial economy.

Matching the U. S. contribution, 43 other United Nations will put about \$500,000,000

PACIFIC:

Japs Invade India

While Adm. Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia command coped with a strong Jap drive into eastern Burma, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff concentrated on weakening the enemy's hold on New Guinea with heavy aerial attacks against shipping and gun positions.

Springing unnoticed from the jungle, a Jap force pressing far inland into India pointed at Imphal, key to the communications line feeding Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese-American troops opening a new supply route to China in northeast Burma. While the Allies maneuvered to weather this charge, two other Jap columns aimed at Imphal farther to the north.

In New Guinea, Allied planes ripped the northeastern coastal shipping route while Aussie and U. S. doughboys advanced northward toward the big base of Madang over craggy foothills.

EUROPE:

Take Over Balkans

Germany made her final preparations for an anticipated double-barreled attack against the continent by the Allies by integrating Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria into the Nazi war machine to provide a common pool of men and resources.

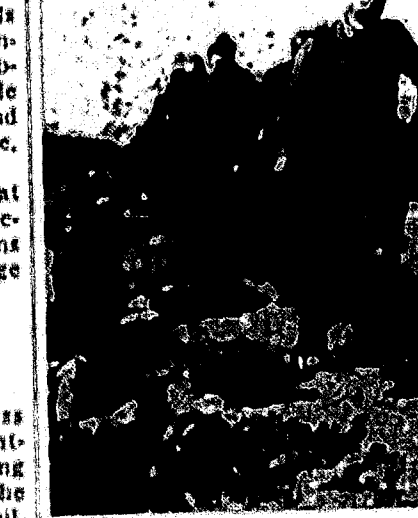
The Nazis' incorporation of the Balkans came as the Russ drew closer to the Hungarian border by stabilizing deeper into prewar Poland and surged onward to the Rumanian boundary by chewing off Germany's last grip in the Ukraine.

As Germany moved to utilize the Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian armies of over a half million men and draw upon the agricultural and industrial resources of these countries, Nazi troops streamed eastward to take up the fight along the newly organized battlefront.

Jerry Tough

While the Germans moved quickly to mend their fences in the Balkans they more than had their hands full in Italy and the west.

Around Cassino Jerry clung stubbornly to his ground to block the broad highway to Rome, fighting



Nazi Prisoners in Italy.

desperately in the hilly country to dominate the heights from which he could pour his deadly artillery fire upon Allied troops maneuvering below.

In the west, the Allies sent fleets of bombers against Germany and Germany to rip defenses and railways over which troops and supplies could be shuttled and blast factories turning out Axis armament.

BIG BUSINESS:
Report Incomes

With war orders accounting for 66 per cent of the business, International Harvester had gross income of \$448,035,041 and profit of \$25,892,944 for its fiscal year ending October 31, 1943. For the 12 months ending July 1, 1945, the company has been authorized to use 20 per cent more material for farm machinery.

Overcoming merchandising difficulties, America's No. 1 mail order house, Sears, Roebuck & Co., took in \$552,596,706 and cleared \$33,866,087 in 1943. Although shortages prevail, the quality of goods has improved in recent months, President Arthur S. Barrows said.

In reporting sales of \$552,000,000 and profit of \$7,403,000 in 1943, Wilson & Co. disclosed extensive developments in new meat preparations and packing, such as boneless beef and dehydrated corned beef, which should have wide markets after the war.

JAPAN:

Organize Workers

Again Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo told the Japanese parliament that the war situation was critical, but this time he underlined its gravity by calling for the establishment of military discipline in industry, under which an entire factory group could be punished for a single worker's offense.

Under Tojo's plan, workers would be organized under a system of military rank, with superior officers having the authority to punish employees from the boss down.

Heretofore conscripted for labor service for only four months of the year, all Japanese high school and college students will now be subject to such duty for any necessary periods.

TVA:

Under Fire

Tennessee's rank Sen. Kenneth McKellar took his battle against present TVA financial policies to the floor of the senate, demanding that the big one billion dollar government power project be compelled to operate altogether on direct appropriations from congress and turn over its revolving fund to the U. S. treasury.

Long at odds with TVA's Chairman David Lilienthal because of the senator's alleged political activities against him, Senator McKellar said



David Lilienthal and Sen. McKellar

congress should retain supervision over TVA funds to determine their proper expenditure.

Taking up the cudgels for TVA, Alabama's Sen. Lister Hill argued that acceptance of McKellar's proposal would mean congress would have to pass on all of TVA's technical operations, complicating procedure with possible paralysis of service.

SOUTH AMERICA:

Uruguayan Nationalists

With the election of pro-Allied ministers in the Uruguayan cabinet of President Gen. Higinio Morínigo and ardent nationalists' seizure of control of that country, ultra-nationalist isolation in South American politics appeared at an ending.

Action of the Uruguayan nationalists was aimed at promoting closer relations with Argentina, which has against the Axis, insisting on its sovereign right to regulate its own foreign policy.

But like Chile and Bolivia which also have recognized the Argentine regime, Uruguay sought to remain on friendly terms with the U. S. as well, and leave no grounds for a break by any illegal changes in government.

RECONDITIONING:

Heal Quickly

To heal the wounded quickly and well and restore them to suitable military duty, the army has expanded its reconditioning program, utilizing education, occupation and recreation.

Point of the program is to prevent the patients from deteriorating mentally while recuperating physically, as is often the case even in civilian treatment, and to instill them with the knowledge that they are keeping pace with their buddies in convalescing.

Establishment of personnel reassignment centers at Camp Butler, N. C., Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Camp White, Ore., assures the recovered soldier of placement in a position more suitable to his condition.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

America's productive capacity for synthetic rubber is now so great that the United States can now hold its ground in dealing with British and Dutch organizations that controlled the East Indian plantations before the Japs' invasion, William Jeffers, former U. S. rubber controller, declared.

Jeffers predicted that American tire manufacturers would eventually be able to turn out a synthetic rubber tire that would have all the endurance of the natural rubber.

Washington Digest

'Price Premium' Battle Grows in Importance

War Food Administration Faces Increasingly Difficult Problem of Getting 'Bashful' Beef Cattle to Market.

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The fight over subsidies—pardon me, I shouldn't use that word subsidies, the New Deal doesn't like it—the fight over "price premiums" on farm products is once more the chief concern of the administration and the members of congress who do not see eye to eye on this painful question.

The smoke of the battle over the veto of the subsidy bill included in the Commodity Credit Corporation bill has settled, and since then there was another veto (the tax bill) that didn't fare so well. Put the Farm Bloc members are not so overoptimistic as to believe that the President and congress are still far enough apart on the subsidy question that another veto could not be sustained. In the senate, the cooler heads of the opposition know this and are not willing to go through the same futile process again.

In the house, it is a different matter although this is not likely to change the final picture. House Leader Joe Martin, while conceding no jot or tittle to the administration that he can withhold, has made it plain that price control is necessary, and he isn't going to allow too much delay on the part of those who want an anti-subsidy rider attached to the OPA bill. He has other plans of his own.

War Food administration officials are quoted as admitting that the case of the bashful beef is one of their greatest problems. Concretely, they have the job of enticing two or three million head of beef cattle off the ranges and into the butcher shops during early spring and summer. And the only thing that they know of to make the cattle move is the good "old reliable" that makes the mare go—cash money. Since the administration is sitting on the ceilings and refusing to allow prices to the consumer to go up, Uncle Sam will probably have to make up the difference again, if congress will let him, in the form of a "price premium" to the stockmen.

The Banker's Stake

And the government is wondering about something else besides a few meatless Mondays or Tuesdays or Wednesdays. It is worried about the banker who has a stake in steaks, as well as the cattleman and beef-eater.

Cattle on the ranges have increased beyond the feed on the ranges.

The average livestock population of America in the years 1922 to 1942 was 69 million head. Roughly let's say half of this was dairy cattle. Now the estimate is 82 million head and the ratio of eating cows to milking cows has increased alarmingly in the last few years.

And the beefers are now home on the range because there isn't a price incentive to lure them to slaughter. The government feared this; feared first the famine and then the flood. It now looks as if the famine was coming and the flood is not far behind. And this is where the banker comes knocking at the door. He remembers other gluts when the cattle to market at once, ruining the industry, making the banker's notes just so much wallpaper.

But how, the simple citizen asks, can there be a price drop when the government has placed a floor under prices as well as a ceiling over them? Well, see what happened to our friend, the hog.

The farmer brought his pigs to market. The government fixed the price which the packers were bound to pay. But so many pigs arrived that the packer couldn't pack them and the law didn't say he had to buy what he couldn't use. So the farmer, rather than pick up his pigs and carry them home again, sold them off at disgracefully low prices to the smart boys. Finally the smart boys got the floor price, the butcher got his ceiling price which the consumers with full pocketbooks and empty stomachs were glad to pay. All the farmer got was mad.

This happened why? The government says simply because some farmers, acting as how there was going to be such a good market for hogs, exceeded their quota—got too hoggy (one district in Iowa, I was told, increased its pig crop by 53 per

cent, when the figure the government had set was 15 per cent). More about that later.

And so the War Food administration is afraid the same thing might happen to the cattle market. And the banker is afraid. It would be bad enough if we ran into a glut like the hog-jam but, as one WFA livestock expert put it, "we shudder to think what might happen if an early drought developed. There would be a great stampede to move cattle to market. Transportation and processing facilities might not be able to handle the movement. The result might be the loss of thousands and thousands of head of cattle."

R. M. Evans, member of the Federal Reserve board for agriculture, who is a former agricultural adjustment administrator, is urging the bankers in the cattle industry to do their share in coaxing Ferdinand off the range.

About 'Elastic' Prices

Of course, the cattleman have been among the most violent critics of the price control administration and their representatives have maintained a steady battle here in Washington in an effort to remove the ceiling prices from beef (or, as they say, make the prices elastic) so that prices would rise and fall in accordance with the seasonal demand.

The cattleman's viewpoint as presented by Joe G. Montague of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association, boils down his plaint to a simple statement.

"Cattle just provide the frames to hang beef on. The Lord knows we've produced the frames but somebody fell down on the job of hanging the beef on 'em."

Mr. Montague told me the other day that the weights have gone down faster than even he expected although he predicted the glut and the promised famine ever since the fixed price was made last October. They have gone off 27 to 28 pounds a head and he expects this will continue until July when grass feeding begins again.

"I'm trying to get the cattle off the ranches but I can't do it. The feed lots are not taking them because there isn't any feed. I could sell thousands of pounds of feed today if I could get my hands on it. The government reports show that there's a lot of feed somewhere but we can't find it."

Hoarded Corn

There is plenty of feed in the shape of corn in the country but the farmers with their government-assured prices on hogs are hoarding it—they are transforming it into pork. The government "asked for this" when it put a premium on hog-raising, as we have explained. But many farmers, poultry and dairy farmers and others outside the corn belt need feed.

Not only farmers but industrialists who need corn for their chemicals, are complaining. The army and navy who need their products have echoed their pleas.

So the government is smack up against the problem of prying this feed (corn) loose from the farmers who are keeping it to feed to their hogs. The only way they can shake the kernels loose is to increase the price of corn. The only way they can do that without breaking through price ceilings is to subsidize corn—in other words, buy it at a price which will make it more profitable to the farmer to sell it than to feed it to his hogs.

Montague's argument is that because the cattle business is seasonal you have to have flexibility in price. If the price is nailed down, the cattleman will sell his grass-fed cattle in September, instead of holding out for higher prices in the spring, and save going through the anguish of zero weather. Of course, under price control, the theory is that the flexibility is provided by the subsidy—excuse me again—by the government offering a price premium which gives the cattleman enough for a fair profit but doesn't increase the price to the consumer and start inflation. But the cattleman don't want sub-price premiums. They want prices to rise and fall in the good old-fashioned way.

And that is where the issues in the fight over the proposed amendment to the OPA bill are neatly joined.

Hedda Hopper:
Looking at
HOLLYWOOD

MAKING fun of such a gruesome business as murder has made a fortune for Boris Karloff.

Four years ago Karloff suddenly realized that his homicidal hobbies weren't paying off as lucratively or as fast as he would like. After that spine-chilling Frankenstein monster, he

mummy, a ghoul, Bluebeard, and other fiendish characters, he found himself demoted to lesser monstrosities in double-billed horror pictures.

Then along came an offer to appear in a New York play. He had never done one on the Broadway stage, and he, the terror of countless film fans, found the thought frightened him. Besides, it was a play that kidded insanity and murder—a very tough subject. But after settling for a nice, juicy piece of the play, plus a goodly salary, he lost his fear and took off.

Today, after three years of "Arsenic and Old Lace"—which is still packing them in New York and on the road—Karloff is back for more pictures.

He's sharing starring honors with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey in Universal's technicolor musical drama "The Climax," which George Waggner is producing and directing.

"Launching a stage play is a big gamble," says Karloff. "But after reading the 'Arsenic' script it struck me as one of the finest plays written in recent years."

Karloff put \$6,000 in the play and got that investment back in three weeks. He's still collecting fat dividends. Bankers should be so lucky these days.

Anything for Irene

Irene Dunne's cooling like a dove, and well she might, since Metro paid \$200,000 for her.

A. J. Cronin's latest, "The Green Years," from the galley sheets. Nothing is too good for Irene since "A Guy Named Joe" and "The White Cliffs" ... Jennifer Jones, and not Gene Tierney, is going to play the lead in "Laura." That's the one Clifton Webb is wanted for, but whether he'll be able to do it nobody knows.

Margaret Sullivan leaves "Voice of the Turtle" June 24, but beginning June 19, she, Elliott Nugent, and Audrey Christy will give their services. The play will be shown free for a whole week to all men in uniform. That's a precedent I hope other producers will follow.

A Smile Maybe; Maybe Not

Ernst Lubitsch told me the following: While preparing "The Czarina" for the screen, he decided to get some authentic Russian names. He took a history book home with him. As he read he jotted down about 30 names from it such as Prince Ratoffsky, Prince Petchekoff, and Count Borshky—then laid the paper on his bedside table. The following morning his man, who has been with him 15 years, came in, looked at the paper and said: "Mr. Lubitsch, if you expect to have that many people to dinner Saturday night, you'd better let me know right quick so I can round up food for 'em."

Bing's a Great Guy

Bing Crosby's just signed a new contract with Paramount—one of the most important deals ever put over in this town. It's for 10 years straight, 52 weeks a year, for 23 pictures, with permission to do one outside picture a year for another company—Bing to have final say over story, director, leading lady, songs and publisher of songs. There are few men in our town who could get a deal like this. It isn't everybody who would play fair. Bing bends over backwards to give as much as he gets. For instance, in "Road to Utopia," which I'm told is the funniest of all the "Road" pictures, it was Bing who gave Paramount a new director—Hal Walker. Until "Utopia" he had been an assistant. During the picture he had an accident, directed the last half of it from a wheel chair. In "Going My Way," produced and directed by Leo McCarey, Curley Lindem, assistant cameraman up to then, was made a full-fledged one. It's the same with leading ladies. Through Bing, Marjorie Reynolds got her chance. He never has been afraid to boost the other fellow

What a Lusty Gal!

Gypsy Rose Lee and Florence Bates make a wonderful team in "Belle of the Yukon." Gypsy, as a chorus girl in dancing skirt and butterflys embroidered on her stockings, was dancing when Charley Winsinger cracked: "Ah, me, spring is here." Said Gypsy: "Save your silly spring sentimentality for waffles you'll guzzle in the morning. These butterflys remind me of my lean looking days when the only butterflys I knew were in my tummy."

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

GOLF BALLS: About 400 tons of balata, the tough gum used to cover golf balls, has been released by the War Production Board. It is showing signs of deterioration and is unsuitable for war purposes. Manufacturers of golf balls say that they do not have materials for centers on hand and not much for windings, so the balata does not mean any new balls in the immediate future.

HOWLING: Fewer perfect scores were bowled this season than for a good while back, the American Bowling Congress reports. In 1910 there were 264 perfect games in A.B.C. sanctioned competition, the all-time high. In 1942 the score dropped to 225, and in 1943 it slumped to 127. This season there were only 84 perfect games, although 1,875 more teams were accredited.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Six hundred former seamen and officers of the American merchant marine who had been inducted into the U. S. army from shore-side employment in the last eight months have been released to return to sea.

The American Red Cross purchased more than 2,700,000 pocket-sized books last year for free distribution to servicemen.

United States mints last year turned out nearly one-tenth as many coins as have been produced in the past 152 years.

Nazi Minister of the Interior Heinrich Himmler, in ordering the registration of a new class of 17-year-old German girls for labor service, ruled that all applications for deferment will be useless.



Indian BEEF

by HAROLD CHANNING WIRE

W.N.U. RELEASE

LEW BURNETT has been engaged by TOM ARNOLD, owner of the Cross T, to act as trail boss on the drive from southern Texas to Oklahoma in the spring of 1945. Tom, with his son and daughter, STEVE and JOY, are moving to Wyoming. Tom must deliver 3,000 longhorns by September 1 or lose a profitable contract. Lew suspects that the Indian Supply Co. is trying to delay the Cross T so that their Open A herd can arrive first at Oklahoma. Lew encamps on the Red river. They hear gunfire, and the herd is stampeded. After a night of running, the herd is rounded up, but Tom Arnold has been thrown by his horse, and killed. CLAY MANNING tells Lew: "This will make a big difference."

CHAPTER X

"Let him bark," Quarternight said. "It'll take more than that." But Clay's meaning was clear enough. With Tom Arnold gone Joy and Steve would be the Cross T owners. And since Steve wore the pants he could take charge. Clay could put the idea into his head.

From the river bluff he saw the water had dropped a number of feet. It was still high, but the churning flood was gone. Long red sand bars were uncovered out in the middle.

No matter what happened, the longhorns had to go on. He made an immediate plan for that. Then near camp he said, "You go in, John, and get tools from the cook's wagon. Don't be seen if you can help it. Go on back ahead of me."

He pulled in and waited until Quarternight rode out of the trees with a canvas bundle under his arm. Only Steve was there when he went in, squatted at the fire pit, drinking coffee. His head turned at the sound of the horse. His cheeks that never took much tan were smooth and rosy and he seemed all at once, in this moment, too young for what was coming. "Lew," he said, "where's the others?"

"Up the creek, Steve. Joy here?"

"Asleep."

"Then come on with me." The thing he had to tell him made him quietly gentle. Even Steve's quick, "Say, I've ridden enough! Can't you let a man rest?" didn't change that. He said again gently, "Come on. This isn't work. Something's happened."

He saw the high color drain away and rush back. With no talk then Steve got up and walked to his horse. But out of the trees, looking straight ahead, he asked, "Dad?"

"Yes, Steve—Lew put out his hand. There had been years when he and this boy were like brothers, and Tom Arnold had been a father to them both. It seemed to him that now, if at any time, the unexplainable barrier between them ought to be down. His hand touched Steve's arm. It jerked from him as if he had struck a blow. He did not finish what he wanted to say. It was no use. Inside him a desolate loneliness feeling came crowding back.

He held deliberately to a slow walk up the creek, letting the river let most of their work done. There was no need for the boy to look at the trampled thing they had found. The grave on a little knoll close to the bank was already covered. They were mounding it over with rocks. Afterward, with that finished, they made a bareheaded circle waiting for someone who could talk.

Someone coughed and the little group moved. No one had spoken. That brief moment was gone.

"Clay," he said, "you go in now. Let Joy know. You and Steve." He had seen Ed Splann stay off with the horses apart from the little group around the grave, and it seemed a kind of rank insult, the way the big man stood there casually rolling a cigarette, watching them and blowing out his gusty breaths of smoke.

As Steve and Clay got into their saddles and started toward camp Splann reached up for his own horn to follow them.

He called the man's name, walking toward him fast. Close, he said, "Not you. You stay here." The heavy arm came down from the horn and hung loose. Splann turned himself around with a ponderous deliberation. "You talking to me?" His dusty fouled beard hid all expression. Then a quick hard mockery glittered in his pale eyes. "Maybe," he said, "I don't hear you any more. New owners make a new boss. You thought of that?"

He knew a certain end was coming, that he'd hold back so far on the trail. Quietly he said, "There'll be no change. There's something here you've missed." The urge toward the end he wanted drove him on. "If you can't take it like that you can ride out."

He saw the instant way the pale gray eyes sharpened. Splann's voice dropped, low and oddly dropping. "So you figure it's that easy?" "I've done my figuring," he said. "Here it is."

The big man was no blundering amateur when a definite time came. He could see the wild confusion behind the dropping head and the slack readiness that slid over the heavy body. Then some thought moved the bearded lips in a half grin.

"All right," Splann turned a little from him. "You're smart. I've thought maybe you were only a damn fool." His right arm lifted again as if to reach the saddle horn.

He understood this man's kind too well. He knew the move was false even as the arm rose and so was ready when that hand curved suddenly downward to the holster's gun.

His own holster flap was buckled. In that fraction of a second he wasted no time in trying to loosen it. He grabbed left-handed at the dull steel of Splann's rising weapon and threw all of his weight behind a blow of his right fist upward against the bearded jaw. It rocked the big head. But the man was solidly planted. He felt the gun's hammer rise in his palm and hooked his thumb around it. It snapped with no explosion and he hardly felt the metal's sharp cut in the flesh of his thumb. For the hatred damped back in him so long had released something savage and cruel. He threw his fist again into a body blow. The gun came free into his hand with his thumb still blocking the hammer. He swung it, lashing across Splann's face. It half turned the man around and he brought the heavy weapon's barrel once more against the side of his head. That dropped him forward onto his knees.

Standing back, he was aware then of the others who had come running up. He heard Quarternight's voice: "What's he done?"

He answered without turning. "Splann's quit. He's through." He released the gun's hammer and shook away the blood. Behind him Jim Hoke blurted out as high and



He threw his fist again into a body blow.

shrill as a girl, "Judas priest! Was he figurin' to kill you?"

"Kid!" Quarternight said, "shut up." Splann bent over and wiped his face and got onto his legs unsteadily. He held the back of one hand against his cheek. His hot eyes glared over it. "You've started something, Burnet. I warned you once to stay clear."

"You've got a month's pay coming," he said. "You can take the horse for that. Now get out!" The heated rush of anger was gone now in the way of a storm's tumult that has passed and left only a knowledge of the damage in its wake. This wasn't a clean end, a killer's savage blood was not in him. "When you go," he said, "stay away from camp. I'll throw your bedroll off. I'm letting you out easy. I know . . . you'll head back to your Open A friends now and work from there."

Splann dropped his arm. "You want to save that?"

"I do."

"Let me see Clay Manning."

He shook his head. "You'll see no one."

Splann turned. He was in the saddle when he said, "You're dragging down more than you know. I'll see Clay. Tell him so. And there'll be two others when I do!" He pulled his horse around and jumped him into a lunge.

Quarternight growled, "Lew, you had him. Why didn't you finish it?"

"Not my way. I guess," he said. "Anyhow, Splann's only one. I wouldn't have settled anything."

Enough time had passed, he felt, for Steve and Joy in camp. He moved back to his horse. From the saddle, with the others up around him, he said, "I know we've all done enough riding in the past twenty-four hours but I'm going to ask you to ride some more. We're lucky in getting ourselves bunched. That thunderstorm was bad and it must have given a stampede down at Dan's. The horses were all camped too close together. If they ran they mixed and it'll take a week to get them unbunched. This gives us a chance to trail ahead. So we'll go in and eat and then we'll cross."

There was another reason also he had for moving now. Times like this work was better than anything else. He didn't want Joy, or the men either, with an idleness to go back over what had happened. Now the shock still held them in a numb way. Throwing themselves into the job of crossing would ease the bad hours that were bound to come.

Joy stood at the end of her wagon, both arms rigidly down at her sides. Clay had just stepped back from her. He didn't locate Steve.

She drew her head up and raised her eyes to Clay's. "I'm all right." He seemed to look far down in them, and see all of this girl's quiet courage and something else in their steady gaze, unreadable to him.

Then Clay was at his side. His hand took her arm. "Honey, you'd better rest." His blue eyes turned with a hot stare. "That goes for the whole camp, I figure. Any objections, Lew?"

He saw where Clay was leading. The challenge was thinly veiled. And that a man even with Clay's surly temper should force any issue now showed him how unexplainably bitter the reasons must be.

"We'll rest," he said, "beyond the river." They were going across as soon as we eat."

"Not if I know it!" Clay jerked his glance to the girl. "Joy, this is up to us. You don't have to go on."

"Clay!" She stared at him with a suddenly lost look. "What are you doing?"

"Joy," Lew said, "never mind. We're all of us on edge. It'll be all right." He moved to Clay's side and put his hand on his arm, his body covering the hard grip of his fingers. He turned Clay and walked him, the grip digging in. They were beyond her hearing when the arm jerked free.

He halted. "Clay, damn your soul." He could speak without anger now. His own life had been bitter and twisted enough at times so that he could know the hounding torment of another's mind. He had that understanding without knowing what was behind it. "This is plenty hard for her," he said. "You haven't made it any easier. What kind of a devil's driving you, Clay? I'll tell you one thing. You needn't hide so much maybe. Splann's quit."

"Quit?" Clay turned and was suddenly rigid and still. "You mean he pulled out himself?"

"Well, no," he said. "I fired him. We had a run-in." He waited, watching that desperate, driven look set across Clay's big face. "Splann will go to the Open A. I know that. What does it mean?"

There was no hot violence that he had expected in the answer. "It means," Clay said, "you've played hell." He swung his broad shoulders and walked away.

Lying there with the mid-afternoon sun bright upon its surface and the green grass stretching away beyond the north shore, the Red looked as inviting as a man could want. But a trail boss never could be sure. He had learned that himself in the way all men had learned it, by grief. Yet he felt that now was the one time to cross. A man shouldn't wait for the high water to drop to normal level. Flood had scoured the river to its hardpan bottom. Later, when the current slowed completely, the silt would pile up. That made your quicksand, the dreaded deathtrap for cattails.

Wheeling from the bank, he saw Clay in camp arguing with the men around him. But Quarternight was in there. Clay wouldn't get far with old Rebel John. Off on the flat the pooled longhorns had been down, resting. Moonlight Bailey and Jim Hope were grazing the horses apart from them along the creek.

He called a yell into camp and saw the men start toward him, all except Clay and Steve. And then, waiting for the riders to come out, with that grin of Clay's growing rebellion so clear, he moved before a thing had not thought of before. Tom Arnold had said for him to look in an old account book that Joy's wagon carried if anything happened. A moment's speculation held him, but after a moment in the rush of work he did not think of it again.

Riding on toward the horse herd, he could see the dead-trail bewilderment of his crew. Yet there was no complaint and there would be none. "We'll get across and camp early," he promised.

The horses had no fear of the river. Under pressure of the riders strung out behind them they moved to the water and plunged in, splashing muddy seycers higher than their heads.

He pulled off on the bank and watched them closely, seeing the flood touch their bellies but none farther than that. It was safe enough, he thought, to cross the wagon.

When his wave brought them out of camp he saw Clay on the bank with Joy, driving for her. His big shape stiff and set. Without a word for help he turned down the slippery bank.



FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

Roger B. Whitman—WNU Features.

WORN LINOLEUM

Question: When linoleum that is pasted down becomes damaged at seams or worn places, can the damaged areas be taken out and other pieces put in? There are a few bumps in the floor covering that are hard. Can these be taken out? What is the usual weight of a roller used on linoleum?

Answer: Damaged areas in linoleum can be cut out and new pieces put in place. The cutting should be done with a very sharp linoleum knife, which has a hooked blade. The bumps in the floor covering evidently are caused by irregularity in the flooring boards; to remove them the linoleum will have to be taken up and the wood floor made smooth. A 75-pound roller generally is used for light gauge linoleums, and a 100-pound roller on the heavy or thick linoleums.

UNPAINTED WINDOW SASH

Question: I have new window sash and frames. I have noticed that the painter did not paint the bottom of the inner sash nor the top of the



outer sash. I have likewise noted that there is no paint on the parts of both of the slides in which the sash rests when they are in a normal closed position. I hesitate to use ordinary paint, since this will no doubt make the windows stick.

What treatment would you recommend to prevent the wood from absorbing moisture, which would later cause cracking and rotting?

Answer: Melted paraffin rubbed well into the raw wood should protect the surfaces, and when rubbed into the slides, will prevent sticking. You can also get a special preparation for this purpose at hardware and dime stores.

Mildew in Basement

Question: I occupy a basement flat which is none too dry. Mildew appears on the rug in my bedroom. The floor is made of cement, with a wooden floor on top, insulated with one sheet of felt paper. Over this is linoleum, a pad and rug. What can I do to prevent this mildew?

Answer: The concrete floor probably was laid without sufficient damp-proofing. The best thing to do would be to mop on a coating of liquid asphalt. Over this put down a layer of heavy saturated felt, with the sheets overlapped half their width and a mopping of asphalt placed between the laps. Then put down a wood flooring with a mastic cement.

Defective Radiator Valves

Question: All of my radiators have variable port air valves with adjustments made according to distance from the boiler. I get plenty of heat on the first floor, but the burner shuts off too soon to heat the upstairs radiators. Can you suggest anything which might be helpful?

Answer: The quick vent valves on the mains in the basement may be dirty or defective. Changing or replacing the valves may help exhaust air from the pipes faster, resulting in quicker heating of distant radiators.

Loose Floor Tiles

Question: Can you tell me how I can secure pieces of tile in a floor? Two or three pieces loose at a time. The job is too small for a contractor.

Answer: Some tile dealers sell a compound that could be used for the resetting of tiles. If you cannot get it, try resetting the tile with a mixture of powdered litharge and a little glycerine. (The glycerine may be hard to get.) Spread this on the back of the tile and put in place as soon as possible. The mixture sets quickly.

Yeast in a Septic Tank

Question: In regard to the item about the use of yeast in a septic tank—could you give us more information regarding the preparation of this?

Answer: The reason for the occasional use of yeast is to start bacterial action in a septic tank or to accelerate it.

Things to do



LOVELY hand-made lingerie is always a most welcome gift. You can make this pretty and very practical slip and matching panties of white or tearose rayon satin or crepe. Do the flower appliques of pale blue for contrast.

To obtain complete cutting pattern for slip, panties and applique, finishing instruction for the Applique Lingerie Set (Pattern No. 2697) sizes small, medium and large, send 15 cents in coin, your name, address and the pattern number. Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers. Send your order to:

SEWING CIRCLE NEEDLEWORK
1150 Sixth Ave. New York, N. Y.
Enclose 15 cents (plus one cent to cover cost of mailing) for Pattern
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Name
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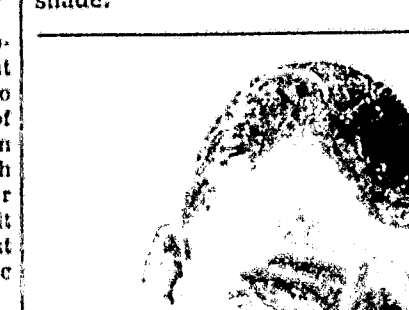
Household Hints

To avoid shine on much-worn trousers and skirt seats brush the garments after each wearing.

Hang a full-length mirror in the kitchen and small children can see for themselves whether they have clean faces and combed hair. It also serves as a daily reminder of one's own appearance.

Shoes are rationed, buckles aren't. What's the answer? Select plain black pumps that may be worn with or without fancy detachable buckles. Several pairs of buckles equal several pairs of shoes—in appearance at least.

Cotton blankets should be washed singly in lukewarm water and enough mild soap to make a two-inch standing suds. Rinse in several lukewarm waters. Dry in shade.



Question: Can you tell me how I can secure pieces of tile in a floor? Two or three pieces loose at a time. The job is too small for a contractor.

Answer: Some tile dealers sell a compound that could be used for the resetting of tiles. If you cannot get it, try resetting the tile with a mixture of powdered litharge and a little glycerine. (The glycerine may be hard to get.) Spread this on the back of the tile and put in place as soon as possible. The mixture sets quickly.

Question: In regard to the item about the use of yeast in a septic tank—could you give us more information regarding the preparation of this?

Answer: The reason for the occasional use of yeast is to start bacterial action in a septic tank or to accelerate it.

Question: All of my radiators have variable port air valves with adjustments made according to distance from the boiler. I get plenty of heat on the first floor, but the burner shuts off too soon to heat the upstairs radiators. Can you suggest anything which might be helpful?

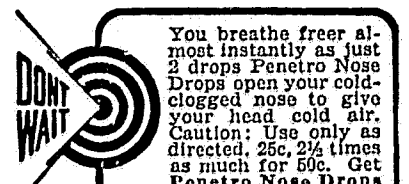
Answer: The quick vent valves on the mains in the basement may be dirty or defective. Changing or replacing the valves may help exhaust air from the pipes faster, resulting in quicker heating of distant radiators.

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Busy Bee
One bee would have to work every day for a year to make one comb.

Gas on Stomach

Relieved in 5 minutes or double money back
When excess stomach acid causes painful, suffocating gas, sour stomach and heartburn, doctors usually prescribe the fastest-acting medicine known for symptomatic relief—medicines like those in Bell's Gas Tablets. No laxative. Bell's Gas Tablets bring comfort in a fifth or double your money back on return of bottle to us. 25¢ at all drugstores.

Ants, a Delicacy
Ants, native delicacy in parts of Africa, are sold in packages.

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Seriousness of the truck tire shortage will be appreciated when it is known that 34 of the country's largest cities receive all their milk by motor trucks.

Underinflation is a voracious waster of tire rubber. A check on Michigan war workers' cars recently showed that more than 15 per cent were underinflated.

Rubber and processing represent about 40 per cent of the cost of manufacturing a popular size automobile tire.

The first rubber-tired motor bus was operated in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1900. It was used for sightseeing purposes.

Henry Shaw

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Reddy Hopper: Looking at WOOD

of such a gruesome murder has made Karloff suddenly homicidal hobbles weren't paying off as lucratively or as fast as he would like. After that spine-chilling Frankenstein monster, as a mummy, a ghoul, Bluebeard, and other fiendish characters, he found himself demoted to lesser monstrosities in error pictures.

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starring honors with and Turhan Bey in technical musical "imax," which George nducing and directing.

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re, Christy will give us. The play will be r a whole week to all m. That's a precedent producers will follow.

aybe; Maybe Not told me the follow-eparating "The Czarina" n, he decided to get le Russian names. He e book home with him, e jotted down about 30 it such as Prince Rat-

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"Mr. Lubitsch, if you ve that many people to day night, you'd better right quick so I can d for 'em."

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was Bing who gave a new director — Hal til "Utopia" he had been . During the picture he t. During the picture he t. During the picture he t.

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McCarey, Curley Lin- ant cameraman up to me with a full-fledged one, me with leading ladies. ing, Marjorie Reynolds ance. . . . He never has to boost the other fellow

uty Gal! ose Lee and Florence e a wonderful team in the Yukon." Gypsy, as girl in dancing skirt and embroidered on her stock-dancing when Charley cracked: "Ah, me, spring

Said Gypsy: "Save

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1944

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Richard Stevens, Richard Carter and Ernest Morrisette were in Berlin, N. H. Thursday. Mrs. Augustus Carter and son Teddy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker Thursday. The farm Bureau met at Mrs. Ethel Ward's Friday. The subject was "Feeding Plans for 1944". Mrs. Frances Friedell, H. D. A. was the speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter and children were in Rumford Friday afternoon. Richard Osoff has been spending a few days with Teddy Carter this week. Albert Buck is home from Burdett College for a week's vacation. Elizabeth Ward spent the week end with Marion Lapham in At. Duny. Mrs. Robert Foster spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Foster.

SUNDAY RIVER

Easter Church Services will be held at 9:30 on April 9 at the Sunday River School House. Carole Bennett has his trial to a lifetime for Charles Bartlett. J. W. Reynolds spent a few days with his sons at South Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Knowles and children Richard and June of Dixfield were Sunday callers at their parents, John Nowlin's. Martin Jackson has returned home after spending the winter in Hartford, Conn. and South Portland.

SONGO POND

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Graves, of Fryeburg were at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball's, Sunday. Miss Caroline Stone, Lovell, spent last week with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball. Miss Ivy Philbrook of Springvale is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball. Mrs. Mae Thomas is visiting a few days in Groveton, N. H. Mrs. Daisy Kimball, Miss Ivy Philbrook and Miss Muriel Lapham were in Berlin, N. H. Tuesday. George Logan left this week to enter the army. Mrs. Maud Grindle and Evelyn returned home Sunday from Irving Green's, North Waterford where they have spent the last week.

STATE OF MAINE

OXFORD, MARCH 17, 1944. TO ROGER W. WHEELER of Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine on the twenty fourth day of August, 1943, mortgaged to me, Fred L. Chapman of said Bethel, the following described lots or parcels of land, viz: A certain lot or parcel of land situated in Gilead in said County and known as the Harrison French Place, and being the same lot or parcel of land as described in the deed to Roger Wheeler, dated December 15th, 1932. Also a certain other lot or parcel of land situated in said Bethel, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone post on the road leading to the N. B. Bean Place, formerly the E. P. Farwell Place, on the Gilead line, thence northerly along said Town line to or near a Norway pine tree, thence easterly along the line to a stone post on the road leading to said Farwell Place, thence westerly on said road to the bound first mentioned. The same being the second parcel described in the deed to Roger Wheeler, dated Dec. 28, 1917, recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds Book 315, Page 156, and also in deed of Roger Wheeler to me by Chester Wheeler in Book 450, Page 8, and in the conditions of said mortgage have been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the conditions thereof, I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage. Dated at Bethel, Maine, this seventeenth day of March, 1944.

FRED L. CHAPMAN

LARGE ASSORTMENT of COOKIES and CRACKERS FARWELL & WIGHT

SOUTH BETHEL

Little Jimmie Flagg got hurt quite badly one day last week and is unable to attend school. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds of Sunday River spent Friday evening at James Spinney's. Mr. and Mrs. James Spinney and children were in Norway Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Heath of Norway spent Saturday afternoon and evening at James Spinney's. Florence Tibbets was home sick a few days this week. Norman Wetherington was in Norway Tuesday. Florence Hawley has been sick this past week. Ernest Brooks and Frank Brooks are cutting pine for Francis Brooks. Jim Spinney returned to Portland Monday after spending a week at home. The children have returned to school after enjoying a week's vacation. Blanche Mason and children have been visiting her mother recently.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent Ten tables of whist were in play at the Community Club card party at the home of Mrs. Florence Rand Saturday evening. Prizes were given as follows: First prize, Raymond Swan and Ruth Ring; second prize, Edmond Dorion and Bessie Martin. There will be another card party at the same place on April 15. On Tuesday, March 28 the Farm Bureau met at Mrs. Florence Rand's home with sixteen members present. Mrs. Friedell, H. D. A. of South Paris was present. Approximately \$15 was received from the food sale last week and it was given to the Red Cross. The schools have closed for a two week vacation. Rosecoe Swan of Norway was a guest of relatives in the place over the week end. Lewis Threlk, Nancy Saunders and Mrs. Dolly Day are ill. Mrs. Margaret Saunders and Mrs. Mabel Robinson were at Berlin Saturday. Donald Bennett was at Portland Wednesday at the induction center.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates herein named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for said County, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four from day to day from the third Tuesday of said March. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered: That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1944, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and be heard thereon if they see cause. Ann Maria Robertson, late of Bethel, deceased and the executor of her estate, as expressed in said will, presented by Mary Louise Packard, the executrix therein named. Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four. EARLE L. CLIFFORD, Register 15

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Our Special Checking Account solves your money order problem. More convenient too.

THE BETHEL NATIONAL BANK Member F. D. I. C.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent Word has been received that Susan Angeline is recovering from surgery in the Rumford Community Hospital. Miss Esther Collins celebrated her 18th birthday Tuesday afternoon this week at her home. Her mother gave her a surprise party. All the school children and teachers attended. She received some nice gifts. Refreshments were served.

BAX MULTIPLE VITAMIN CAPSULES

15 Capsules—15 Day Supply 69c
30 Capsules—30 Day Supply \$1.23
60 Capsules—60 Day Supply \$1.98

BOSSERMAN'S DRUG STORE

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Adm. of the estate of Francis J. Lord late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, without bond. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. LAWRENCE A. LORD Bethel, Maine.

March 21, 1944. 15

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March 21, 1944. 15

MERCHANTS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY

268 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 585,797.60
Mortgage Loans 588,880.87
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
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All other Liabilities 171,341.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,686,450.14

WALTER E. BARTLETT, Agent Bethel, Maine

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AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INS. CO.

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PACIFIC NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

San Francisco, California ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 261,000.00
Mortgage Loans 8,479,325.60
Stocks and Bonds 1,189,114.02
Cash in Office and Bank 566,293.08
Agents' Balances 12,290.37
Bills Receivable 136,988.23
All other Assets 237,921.95
Gross Assets \$10,648,611.30
Deduct items not admitted 10,410,689.35
Admitted \$237,921.95
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943
Net Unpaid Losses 237,921.95
Unearned Premiums 5,177,817.33
All other Liabilities 236,165.87
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,391,944.15

THE RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 150,294.08
Mortgage Loans 32,774.63
Stocks and Bonds 3,784,483.29
Cash in Office and Bank 127,410.57
Agents' Balances 216,287.84
Bills Receivable 5,017.24
All other Assets 210,810.00
Gross Assets \$4,697,712.65
Deduct items not admitted 4,697,712.65
Admitted \$0.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943
Net Unpaid Losses 1,065,984.46
Unearned Premiums 1,000,000.00
Cash Capital 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities \$1,016,718.13
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$4,697,712.65

NATIONAL ACCIDENT & HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 4,326.00
Mortgage Loans 152,218.24
Stocks and Bonds 771,791.16
Cash in Office and Bank 127,410.57
Bills Receivable 5,017.24
All other Assets 4,921.66
Gross Assets \$1,117,474.83
Deduct items not admitted 33,996.49
Admitted \$1,083,478.34
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943
Net Unpaid Losses 6,910.72
Unearned Premiums 6,910.72
All other Liabilities 300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities 375,656.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$1,117,478.34

FIREMAN'S FUND INDEMNITY CO.

San Francisco, California ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 1,457,055.01
Mortgage Loans 1,457,055.01
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UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE CO.

110 William Street, New York, N. Y. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 124,793.33
Mortgage Loans 124,793.33
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
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NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

New York, New York ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 25,000.00
Mortgage Loans 25,000.00
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ACCIDENT & CASUALTY INSURANCE CO. OF WINTERHURST, SWITZERLAND

J. S. BRANCH ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
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COMMERCIAL CASUALTY INS. CO.

Newark, New Jersey ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 4,010,554.44
Mortgage Loans 4,010,554.44
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NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Pittsburgh, Pa. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 200,000.00
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MILWAUKEE MECHANICAL INS. CO.

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Unearned Premiums 1,308,448.10
All other Liabilities 171,341.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,686,450.14

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY CO.

Hartford, Connecticut ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 585,797.60
Mortgage Loans 588,880.87
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
Agents' Balances 940,954.50
Bills Receivable 20,813.01
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THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY

New York, New York ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 825,040.10
Mortgage Loans 825,040.10
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
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MASSACHUSETTS INDEMNITY INS. CO.

632 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 210,410.07
Mortgage Loans 210,410.07
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
Agents' Balances 940,954.50
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CITY OF NEW YORK INSURANCE CO.

New York, New York ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 450,400.00
Mortgage Loans 450,400.00
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
Agents' Balances 940,954.50
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CALVERT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 250,000.00
Mortgage Loans 250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
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Unearned Premiums 1,308,448.10
All other Liabilities 171,341.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,686,450.14

THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 250,000.00
Mortgage Loans 250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943
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Unearned Premiums 1,308,448.10
All other Liabilities 171,341.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,686,450.14

NATIONAL LIBERTY INSURANCE CO.

New York, New York ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943
Real Estate \$ 25,000.00
Mortgage Loans 25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 2,310,549.30
Cash in Office and Bank 1,022,652.53
Agents' Balances 940,954.50
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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Stocks and Bonds \$6,131,019.28

Cash in Office and Bank 634,542.60

Agents' Balances 507,472.60

Interest and Rents 23,621.43

All other Assets 65,250.71

Gross Assets \$7,361,906.62

Deduct items not admitted 314,212.82

Admitted \$7,047,693.80

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$1,405,242.50

Unearned Premiums 2,656,700.60

All other Liabilities 361,425.46

Statutory Deposit 500,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 2,124,265.24

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$7,047,693.80

The Hanover Fire Insurance

Company

New York, New York

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Stocks and Bonds \$18,974,736.18

Cash in Office and Bank 1,953,071.52

Agents' Balances 768,175.60

Bills Receivable 40,368.50

Interest and Rents 51,483.10

All other Assets 610,082.30

Gross Assets \$22,397,917.20

Deduct items not admitted 1,079,846.50

Admitted \$21,318,070.70

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$2,267,419.00

Unearned Premiums 7,224,582.81

All other Liabilities 1,803,072.13

Cash Capital 4,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 6,022,996.73

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$21,318,070.70

Fire Association of

Philadelphia

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate \$2,702,517.78

Mortgage Loans 357,930.43

Stocks and Bonds 21,378,440.94

Cash in Office and Bank 2,297,399.65

Agents' Balances 1,586,072.50

Interest and Rents 35,705.52

All other Assets 884,866.07

Gross Assets \$29,243,542.49

Deduct items not admitted 1,701,401.68

Admitted \$27,542,140.81

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$2,804,472.00

Unearned Premiums 10,444,985.45

All other Liabilities 1,060,916.05

Cash Capital 2,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 11,231,767.31

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$27,542,140.81

Home Fire & Marine Insurance

Company of California

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans \$1,080.00

Stocks and Bonds 7,580,364.94

Cash in Office and Bank 1,126,933.83

Agents' Balances 568,188.46

Bills Receivable 1,317.67

Interest and Rents 37,805.27

All other Assets 493,341.89

Gross Assets \$10,059,032.05

Deduct items not admitted 70,939.87

Admitted \$9,988,092.18

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$1,285,644.87

Unearned Premiums 3,558,587.61

All other Liabilities 305,861.17

Cash Capital 1,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 3,837,999.10

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$9,988,092.18

Equitable Fire & Marine

Insurance Company

Providence, R. I.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans \$28,000.00

Stocks and Bonds 7,003,255.00

Cash in Office and Bank 944,347.95

Agents' Balances 321,389.73

Bills Receivable 3,492.65

Interest and Rents 25,235.53

All other Assets 32,377.93

Gross Assets \$8,358,097.97

Deduct items not admitted 34,457.75

Admitted \$8,323,640.22

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$388,723.97

Unearned Premiums 1,327,069.47

All other Liabilities 124,657.32

Cash Capital 1,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 5,182,589.46

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$8,323,640.22

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Company

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate \$72,000.00

Stocks and Bonds 282,543.99

Cash in Office and Bank 282,994.61

Agents' Balances 58,897.90

Interest and Rents 1,779.19

All other Assets 10,889.50

Gross Assets \$708,405.31

Deduct items not admitted 6.60

Admitted \$708,398.71

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$32,741.62

Unearned Premiums 405,221.26

All other Liabilities 17,260.83

Surplus over all Liabilities 253,175.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$708,398.71

Merchants & Farmers Mutual

Fire Ins. Co.

Worcester, Mass.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans \$19,450.00

Stocks and Bonds 416,171.01

Cash in Office and Bank 46,091.28

Agents' Balances 19,125.82

Interest and Rents 3,824.30

All other Assets 45,955.55

Gross Assets \$548,617.99

Deduct items not admitted 1,767.53

Admitted \$546,850.46

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$11,851.85

Unearned Premiums 238,159.03

All other Liabilities 17,174.13

Surplus over all Liabilities 279,665.40

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$546,850.46

The United States Branch of

The London Assurance

90 John Street, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans \$9,000.00

Stocks and Bonds 8,924,324.56

Cash in Office and Bank 1,264,011.31

Agents' Balances 465,430.53

Bills Receivable 24,945.43

Interest and Rents 29,707.91

All other Assets 127,415.83

Gross Assets \$10,814,754.71

Deduct items not admitted 63,581.91

Admitted \$10,751,169.80

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$1,660,242.82

Unearned Premiums 3,337,995.87

All other Liabilities 701,524.45

Deposit Capital 500,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 4,581,406.66

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$10,751,169.80

U. S. Branch of The Atlas

Assurance Company Limited

55 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Stocks and Bonds \$6,113,989.07

Cash in Office and Bank 1,419,507.72

Agents' Balances 569,624.11

Interest and Rents 28,020.71

All other Assets 57,805.07

Gross Assets \$8,188,946.69

Deduct items not admitted 582,920.63

Admitted \$7,906,026.06

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$783,024.00

Unearned Premiums 3,735,459.89

All other Liabilities 400,457.76

Statutory Deposit 500,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 2,481,084.41

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$7,906,026.06

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans \$4,850.00

Stocks and Bonds 24,756,066.68

Cash in Office and Bank 1,005,822.48

Agents' Balances 877,041.78

Bills Receivable 28,690.61

Interest and Rents 95,030.83

All other Assets 56,927.83

Gross Assets \$27,784,369.20

Deduct items not admitted 994,655.77

Admitted \$26,789,713.43

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$2,391,229.09

Unearned Premiums 8,929,513.03

All other Liabilities 2,081,315.24

Cash Capital 5,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 8,177,056.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$26,789,713.43

On the basis of Dec. 31, 1943

market quotations for all bonds

and stocks owned, this company's

total admitted assets would be in-

creased to \$27,630,301.06 and sur-

plus to \$9,247,043.70.

Granite State Fire Insurance

Company

Portsmouth, N. H.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate \$123,738.23

Mortgage Loans 9,430.58

Stocks and Bonds 4,193,016.48

Cash in Office and Bank 561,516.34

Agents' Balances 316,138.43

Bills Receivable 954.01

Interest and Rents 27,589.13

All other Assets 15,106.11

Gross Assets \$5,247,490.26

Deduct items not admitted 140,997.31

Admitted \$5,106,492.95

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$219,408.17

Unearned Premiums 1,934,449.28

All other Liabilities 110,087.44

Cash Capital 1,000,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 1,823,448.03

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$5,106,492.95

U. S. Branch

Phoenix Assurance Company,

Ltd.

55 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate \$238,378.90

Mortgage Loans 6,000.00

Stocks and Bonds 6,453,820.31

Cash in Office and Bank 845,238.12

Agents' Balances 789,635.47

Bills Receivable 3,041.56

Interest and Rents 54,384.20

All other Assets 44,550.72

Gross Assets \$8,425,309.31

Deduct items not admitted 225,074.26

Admitted \$8,200,235.05

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943

Net Unpaid Losses \$562,633.00

Unearned Premiums 4,417,328.31

All other Liabilities 339,273.37

Statutory Deposit 500,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities 2,380,980.37

Total Liabilities and Surplus \$8,200,235.05

Westchester Fire Insurance

Company

110 William St., New York, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate \$1,000.00

Mortgage Loans 231,855.29

Stocks and Bonds 16,180,315.35

Cash in Office and Bank 4,367,505.83

Agents' Balances 1,445,256.37

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Latest Movies Shown in Front Line Camps Help Keep Fighters in Touch With Home

Picture Industry Donates Films to Army and Navy

Combat-weary Yanks, relieved from front-line duty by replacements and sent to the rear to rest, turn to movies as a means of escape from the mad business of battle, according to letters received in towns throughout the country by relatives and friends of boys now in foreign service.

These letters complained at first that the pictures were old, but recent correspondence ends complaints and indicates that conditions are improved.

New Hollywood productions fresh from the studios are shipped to all theaters of war by the Army Overseas Motion Picture service and are shown somewhere every night in every combat zone occupied by American troops.

Protected by top priorities, these film programs, printed in the 16-mm. size and known as "Films for Fighting Men" are a gift from the motion picture industry which began in February, 1942, with the presentation of 80 prints from four different pictures. Since then these free films have gradually increased until now a total of 180 pictures are issued each week, divided into 63 prints each of three different programs. Each program includes a full-length feature and at least one short subject. To date the grand total of 11,782 programs has been sent overseas.

These programs of new films are shown only to uniformed members of the armed forces in combat zones, and to sick and wounded in overseas hospitals, and to men on isolated outposts where other film entertainment cannot be had.

When troops are en route to battlefronts on transports, they are shown specially selected 16-mm. film versions of "Hits of the Past." This avoids duplicate showings of new films, so servicemen do not see the same pictures twice.

Musical Shows Favorites. Every feature-length picture and every short subject made by the major studios in Hollywood is included in this service, offered to our armed forces through a selection board in New York city composed of army and civilian personnel. This board is guided in its choice by expressions from soldier audiences in the various theaters of war. Opinions polled to date show that servicemen's tastes lean toward musicals, comedies and light drama. War pictures are last on their list, while features and shorts which bring views of the good old U. S. A. are always welcome.

Upon reaching the various war theaters, these 16-mm. films—less than half the size of those seen in your local theater—are sent to the various combat zones through 10 film exchanges maintained by the Army Overseas Motion Picture service. Handled in this reduced size, they are easy to ship and can be exhibited on portable equipment readily transported in active regions.

The showing of these pictures is always subject, of course, to the hazards of war. Usually they are displayed to battle-weary troops in rear areas behind the front. The object, however, is to get them as near the fighting line as possible. In some instances they have been shown so close to the line of battle that prisoners subsequently captured said they heard the sound track.

Although planned originally for the army only, recent arrangements made through the war department have thrown these showings open to all combat troops, regardless of their branch of service. This includes the

navy, marine corps, the coast guard when their own films are not available in active areas; also members of Allied armed forces operating in these zones. Both the Red Cross and USO are authorized as agents to show these 16-mm. pictures.

Movies in Training Camps. The motion picture industry's 16-mm. gift films should not be confused, however, with the 35-mm. showings of the Army Motion Picture service, and a similar system maintained by the navy.

Through a commercial arrangement with motion picture distributors made 20 years ago, both the army and the navy rent for their own use 35-mm. prints of motion pictures which play the commercial movie houses. These films, obtained at low rental, are now shown on a nonprofit basis by the army in all training camp theaters in this country, and at established army post theaters in all territorial possessions.



Army men in the South Pacific watch a movie in an open air theater. Their faces reflect varied reactions. Soldiers often see three or more pictures a week.

sions. The average admission is 14 cents, and any profit derived therefrom goes toward expending the service.

Ever since the declaration of war, as a special favor to servicemen, pictures playing the army circuit have, as a rule, preceded showings in commercial theaters except where these showings conflicted with exhibition contracts of movie theaters near the camps. Servicemen unfamiliar with required trade practices, complain at times because they see pictures in these commercial theaters before the camp movie houses show them.

The navy does not experience this difficulty because, generally speaking, its pictures are shown free on shipboard or, in some instances, for a small admission at naval stations, the profits going toward improving and expanding the service.

Old Films Shown at First. When the conflict broke suddenly after Pearl Harbor, we were just as unprepared for maintaining a worldwide entertainment program as we were for global combat. The first expeditionary forces that left for the South Pacific took along 1,000 16-mm. pictures purchased in the open market, which were the only films of that size available at the time. Later, when the African expedition sailed, a similar war department purchase was made. And further complications were added through the indiscriminate buying of old films and portable equipment by embarking troop units as large as battalions, all striving to meet an entertainment emergency.

Although the army has been able to recall all but 306 of these old films, those still in circulation despite efforts to recover them, combined with the unauthorized 16-mm. films remaining overseas, add up to a sizeable headache. Servicemen who still sit through these old programs complain loudly.

Another source of complaint lies in the wartime dislocation abroad of the commercial motion picture industry. In such battle-blasted areas as Sicily, films as ancient as *It Happened One Night* are often given admission prices. But this is not strange, considering that at Mussolini's barred Italian films in Italy in 1933. No new pictures have been shipped into Italian territory since, excepting those supplied through the motion picture industry's gift service. The 16-mm. gift films, however, are now going overseas at the rate of 150 prints of three new programs each week. New combat zone circuits are being added rapidly and projection facilities are improving and increasing. This means that film shows in all theaters of war, barring the inevitable disruptions and annoyances occasioned by battle action, are bound to achieve a state of diminishing complaints and rising perfection.

In a report to Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the army service forces, covering a

30,000-mile tour of the Pacific theater, Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, U. S. army, director of the morale services division, army service forces, said that motion pictures have proved an effective antidote to the tension and physical strain of battle, and that they are particularly welcome to men just returned from the front.

His tour, which included "the largest motion picture circuit in history" maintained by the overseas motion picture service of army service forces in the Pacific, proved to him, he said, that "the Pacific soldier is the most avid movie-goer in the world."

The distribution of first-run films to the various fronts by air is on a par with any similar commercial operation, the general pointed out, and came about "because combat officers want their men to relax after they come out of the lines. The movie has proved to be the solution.

A screen against a jungle backdrop brings the soldier close to home again. The army service forces have arranged to distribute films in rotation to the combat areas of the Pacific, after which they are routed to supporting units farther to the rear. In this way, troops in actual combat are the first to be shown the latest of Hollywood's screen offerings. Also given high priority for early showings are the wounded in hospitals.

Movies Take Him Home. The soldier wants to see pictorial views of streets that remind him of his home town, of people he might meet on those streets, of women to remind him of his mother, his wife, his sweetheart, of ordinary happenings in which he will again participate.

"This tremendous movie chain's value as a good will factor is beyond computation. In New Guinea, for example, where Australian and American soldiers fight side by side, they sit down to see an American film side by side. Our troops visit Australian camps where the screen fare is predominantly American."

Newsreels, comedies, and musical pictures are high on the G. I. hit list. "Soldiers dislike war pictures with glorified heroes," General Osborn said.

"They like to see informational films, those that explain war strategy and show real battle scenes. The soldier is anxious to see what his weapons can do. The army's 'Why We Fight' series has immeasurably bettered his understanding of issues at stake. 'Snafu,' the cinema comic of the Army-Navy Screen Magazine, is a Pacific favorite."

General Osborn included Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, New Georgia, Bougainville, and Fiji in his 30,000-mile tour of the Pacific theater.

"I have seen tropical theaters seating 3,000 soldiers on wooden benches, and 1,000 sitting on crates and logs and oil tins in an outdoor excavation," he said.

"Soldiers frequently sit in tropical downpours for one and two hours before showtime to enjoy a run-of-the-mill film made 'silent' when the sound track breaks down, and then return the next night to see it again."

"During alarms the men quietly leave the theater and as men quietly resume their seats afterward to see the rest of the movie. While excavations were under way on a New Guinea base, a bulldozer was assigned the priority detail of hollowing out the ground for an open-air amphitheater."

"I have seen men watch a picture from such a distance that the screen was the size of a postage stamp, and I have heard men gripe at a poor show but sit through it to the end. With several pictures playing on various bases on an island, men were known to walk nightly many miles around the entire island until they had seen all the pictures."

Entertainment reels from 19 army overseas film exchanges are transported by plane, boat, jeep, or hand-carried to the camp sites. Mobile service companies with camera crews tour remote areas playing one-night stands.

"Today some soldier in a water-logged foxhole, sitting atop a gasoline drum to keep his feet dry, is seeing a picture perhaps just introduced by you in the plush seats of Radio City, New York," General Osborn commented.



HIAWATHA—G.O.P. STYLE
("Wendell Willkie during his visit was made a member of the Indian tribe and christened 'Flying Eagle.'")

Forth upon the Glitching Gunge, By the shining Big-Sun-Water, At the doorway of the wigwam, With the royalties about him, Wen-Del-Will-Kie stood and waited

All the air was full of freshness, All the earth was bright and joyous, And before him, through the sunshine,

Westward, eastward, northward, southward

Passed the golden swarms, the Ahmo, Passed the bees, the presidentials, Singing "Nice place is the White House,"

Chanting "This time you can make it."

Bright before him shone Chi-Caw-Go. Level spread the boom before him; Sparkling, flashing in the sunlight, Looking fair again and tempting

Even after what he'd been through. Toward the sun his hands were lifted

And the palms spread out against it, And between the parted fingers Fell the sunshine on his features, Something in the mist of morning

Loomed and lifted from the water, Now seemed floating, now seemed flying

Coming nearer, nearer, nearer.

Was it Brick-Er, the self-made one, Or the Bob-Taft from Ohio? Or the great Shu-Shu-Shu-Tom-Tom

The crusading one called Catch-Em, The famed warrior on rackets, Baritone from far Owosso

Known to all the tribes as Dew-Eh?

None of these! But delegations, Delegations from the prairies, Delegations from the cities,

Come by birch canoe with paddles, Trying out their vocal organs.

And the mighty Flying Eagle, With his hands aloft extended, Waited full of exultation,

Saying in his best make manner: "Beautiful the sun, oh palsies, Bright the prospects are, oh waisies."

"Never bloomed the chance so brightly, Never shone the outlook better!"

And the delegates made answer: "Not so fast, best-seller chieftain, 'Take it easy, global airman, 'We admit your deeds of valor

"But as yet 'tis early Springtime; 'Gentle June is still far distant, 'Anything is apt to happen, 'Keep your shirt on, keep your shirt on!"

And the Brick-Er and the Dew-Eh From their haunts among the fends—lands Screamed "Farewell, oh, Wen-Del-Will-Kie;

"We're your buddies, we're your tribesmen, 'But the battle is the pay-off!"

And the Wen-Del-Will-Kie answered, "How I wonder, how I wonder!"

AMERICAN DIALOGUES
"There's a fortune in it for you."

"Now look here, if you expect to get anywhere with this proposition, don't depress me."

Louis Schwartz, a New York gargon known as "Louie the Waiter" has personally sold four million dollars' worth of war bonds, a record to be proud of. It occurs to us that possibly he took to selling bonds because they are the only thing a customer could ask for and get.

We can't help wondering if Mr. Schwartz, when a customer says, "I'll take a bond, medium-well," replies, "but remember no butter."

The war department has ruled that dogs in the war may be cited but not decorated. Fido would rather have a bone, anyhow. How about a Distinguished Service Knuckle With Meat Attached?

A senator has introduced a bill asking for an investigation into the matter of why shirttails are getting shorter and shorter. It could be merely a matter of suspenders getting weaker and weaker.

If Japan intends to remove admirals and generals every time Uncle Sam kicks her in the pants she will soon be running her war entirely through first sergeants and corporals.

Two big hosiery manufacturers have been fined \$40,000 for ignoring OPA ceilings. It can't be said they didn't have a leg to stand on.

Wanna Del?

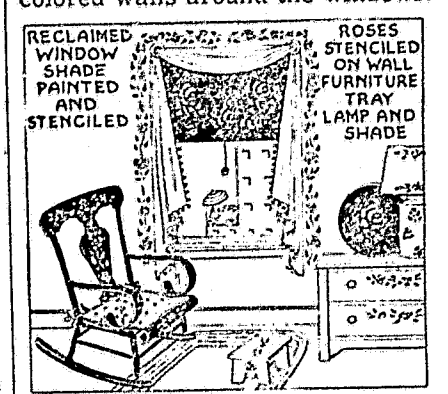
"However much the storm may rage around our fortress, the day will come when from behind the dark clouds the sun will shine and smile on us."—Adolf Hitler. In a recent address to the German people.

As a weather prophet Hitler is going to prove a terrible bust, too.

Ima Dodo says she can't see why the gum makers don't adopt that new song "Chew, Chew, Baby" as a radio theme song.

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The lamp base shown in the sketch was made from an old milk can. This can as well as an old paper parchment lamp shade, a chest of drawers and a footstool were painted cream color and then stenciled with smaller roses.

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LOST—Haiton Books 3 and 4. **ALBERT L. SWAN** and **ORA E. SWAN**. 15

LOST—Lapham Book No. 4. **WARREN E. LAPHAM, R. F. D. 3**, Bethel. 14p

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Real Estate	\$2,132,880.41
Mortgage Loans	763,712.01
Stocks & Bonds	36,403,279.21
Cash in Office & Bank	11,610,142.58
Agents' Balances	2,004,156.61
Interest & Rents	121,703.49
Other Assets	25,583.37
Gross Assets	\$53,061,458.28
Less items not admitted	119,504.12
Admitted	\$52,941,954.16
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$26,544,253.61
Unearned Premiums	9,216,400.00
Other Liabilities	9,178,300.57
Surplus over Liabilities	\$8,000,000.00
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$52,941,954.16

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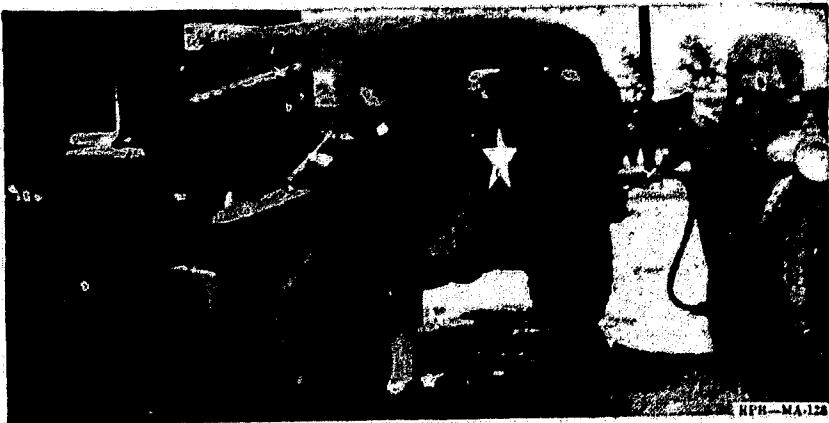
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

M. A. Gordon, pastor

Easter Sunday.

6:30 Sunrise Services at Church.

Subject, "Very Early in the Morning."

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, sup't. Easter lesson and Easter songs.

11:00 Sunday Morning Worship. Special Easter Singing and Music.

Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "A Great Miracle." Baptismal Service and Reception of Members.

2:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal, "Easter Hymns and Songs."

6:30 Youth Fellowship. Leaders, John Brown and Muriel Brooks.

7:30 Easter Concert by Church School assisted by Choir.

Friday evening the Youth Fellowship will hold a "Good Friday Service." An offering will be taken for suffering China.

And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre and they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24: 2.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

10:00 Special Easter Program. "The Voice of Easter," presented in the Chapel by the members of the Church School. The adults are extended a special invitation to attend.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon, "The Religion of Easter." Special Music, Reception of New Members.

6:30 Pilgrim Fellowship Candlelight Easter Service of Music and Poetry.

The Junior Guild will meet at the Church for its usual pot luck supper Wednesday night, April 12.

6:30 The Ladies Club will be guests of the Guild on this occasion. Following the supper Miss Laura Adams of Hartford, Maine, will lecture. Accompanying the lecture will be illustrative colored slides.

The Flower Committee will appreciate the loan of any potted plants or cut flowers to beautify our church on Easter Sunday morning. Arrangements can be made with Mrs. Upson, Chairman of that committee.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45

"Are Sin, Disease, and Death, Real?" is the subject of the Lesson Sermon that will be read in the Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 9.

The Golden Text is: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thine diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction" (Psalms 103: 2-4).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, neither shadow of turning" (James 1: 17).

Wednesday evening meeting on second Wednesday of each month.

LOCKE MILLS CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Supt. Carlton Lapham

Easter Service 11:15 a. m. Special music. Organist, Claire Lapham. Trumpet, Raymond Swan, saxophone, Roy Lurvey.

There will be a baptism, and also a dedication service for those having children to be dedicated. Any adults or children desiring the ordinance communicate with the deacons of the church or the pastor at or before the service.

It is hoped the community will join in making the formal decorations beautiful. If you have green plants or flowers in bloom, or cut flowers to loan for the service, send them early Sunday morning or contact any deacon of the church, who will see they arrive and are safely returned.

The Palm Branches, Festival of Passover for the boys in service are attended by about 50. Fifty candles were lighted one for each serviceman. They were colored, and were carried by some member of the family or nearest relative, as each case as a token of the church's love and remembrance for its defenders. Miss Cummings and Mrs. Jordan lighted the candles and presented them as Easter tokens for the American Legion.

The Church rendered Hail to the Majesty and Grace Hymn, "O Lord, Be Exalted" sung by the boys and "Open My Eyes" by Mrs. Harold Marshall and Mrs. Lurvey. "The International No. 1" was sung by the boys and the hymn "The King of the World" by the girls. The boys were accompanied by Mrs. Fred E. Bean. The boys were accompanied by the pastor, Mrs. Adams. A first class report was sent.

THE BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Franklin Keehlwetter, Pastor

Morning Worship 10:30. Subject, "Out of Dead Hopes." Text, Luke 24: 21.

Sunday School 11:45. Juniors 3:30.

Easter Concert given by members of the Adult Choir and the children of the Sunday School. This will be at 7:00. All cordially invited.

The Ladies Aid will meet Tuesday with Mrs. Marguerite Chase. The prayer meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday evening. Junior Choir Thursday afternoon. The adult choir Friday evening.

BORN

In Reading, Mass., March 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dennison, a daughter.

MARRIED

At Locke Mills, March 31, by Rev. John J. Foster, Miss Florence Howe of Locke Mills and Fred Fifield of Rumford.

DIED

At Ossining, N. Y., April 2, Mrs. Ella Avery formerly of Bethel, aged 73 years.

At West Stoneham, April 5, Robert E. Pratt of Norway, aged 50 years.

At Gardiner, April 4, Joseph Robinson of Gilead.

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. W. S. Hastings and children returned home Wednesday from Cumberland where they had been the guests of her sister Mrs. Lauri McMillen and family several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Swan of Hartford, Conn., came here Friday from Farmington where they had been guests of her sister Mrs. Cuvier Hutchinson and family. They were guests of Mrs. E. A. Billings Saturday night and returned to Hartford Sunday.

Warren Smith was the guest of his brother, Charles Smith and family Sunday.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coudge is gaining since its return home from Rumford Hospital last Friday.

Mrs. S. B. Newton fell and sprained an ankle the latter part of last week.

Mrs. John Howe and B. W. Kimball returned home Tuesday from Dorchester, Mass. They were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kimball in Lewiston, Monday.

R. D. Hastings and daughter, Ann, were in Portland Monday with a truck load of potatoes.

ELEANOR GORDON GUILD

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Catherine Casey. A supper served by the hostess preceded the meeting followed by a Chinese auction.

It was reported that \$13.50 was cleared from the food sale. Also, \$3.40 was turned over to the club for personal mailing cards.

The girls voted to give \$5.00 to Mildred Lyon for choir music.

Anyone having flowers and would be willing to lend them for Easter Sunday, they would be very much appreciated.

The next meeting will be held April 18th at the Church preceded by a pot luck supper.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate	\$5,355,000.00
Mortgage Loans	17,525.00
Stocks and Bonds	104,664,405.36
Cash in Office and Bank	12,814,705.69
Agents' Balances	4,453,077.95
Interest & Rents	45,840.33
Other Assets	156,156.86
Gross Assets	\$137,434,359.89
Deduct items not admitted	1,088,007.99
Admitted	\$136,346,351.91
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$13,194,431.00
Unearned Premiums	\$28,854,772.63
All other Liabilities	11,080,143.28
Cash Capital	12,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	70,000,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$136,346,351.91

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FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate	\$2,232,471.08
Mortgage Loans	325,158.94
Stocks and Bonds	48,844,936.97
Cash in Office and Bank	6,580,858.49
Agents' Balances	1,808,538.08
Bills Receivable	31,279.95
Interest and Rents	158,198.12
All other Assets	7,158,441.78
Gross Assets	\$66,879,883.43
Deduct items not admitted	634,330.42
Admitted	\$66,245,553.01
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$11,582,702.02
Unearned Premiums	17,527,027.44
All other Liabilities	2,590,182.64
Cash Capital	5,084,829.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	29,460,811.95
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$66,245,553.01

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THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE CO.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate	\$169,892.73
Stocks and Bonds	106,065,897.00
Cash in Office and Bank	7,031,608.50
Agents' Balances	3,267,167.14
Bills Receivable	111,244.10
Interest and Rents	200,913.10
All other Assets	225,672.22
Gross Assets	\$117,188,391.79
Deduct items not admitted	216,250.63
Admitted	\$116,972,141.16
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$7,273,349.11
Unearned Premiums	23,046,536.91
All other Liabilities	\$5,835,150.00
Cash Capital	5,900,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	74,899,105.63
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$116,972,141.16

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ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

and vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morrill and daughter Eva of Bethel were at Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews' Sunday.

Earl McAllister celebrated his thirteenth birthday April 1.

Fred Pinkham and Edwin Bumpus were in Locke Mills Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Andrews has been working at her mother's Mrs. Fred Hersey's, at North Waterford for several days.

Boaty Ward of Bethel spent the week end with Marion Lapham.

Sibyl and Cora Bumpus and Margaret and Marilyn Merriam of Auburn were supper guests at Harlan Bumpus' Saturday.

Several from this vicinity attended the farewell party given Arthur Haselton at North Waterford Friday evening. He is leaving to join the Army soon.

Callers at L. J. Andrews' Sunday were Clarence Files of East Stoneham, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keniston, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keniston and son Lloyd Jr. of Portland, Mrs. Earlon Keniston and daughter Lona and Muriel Lapham.

Ruth Bumpus returned home Saturday, after spending the week at her grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bumpus', Auburn.

Mrs. Harlan Bumpus and children, Edwin, Ruth, and Kenneth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haselton in Bridgton Sunday.

AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE CO., Chicago, Ill.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Real Estate	\$78,290.93
Mortgage Loans	79,991.40
Stocks & Bonds	5,514,899.11
Cash in Office & Bank	7,503,439.76
Agents' Balances	865,331.56
Interest & Rents	15,158.75
Other Assets	7,875.57
Gross Assets	\$14,065,487.08
Less items not admitted	30,000.00
Admitted	\$14,035,487.08
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$7,070,543.63
Unearned Premiums	2,203,210.00
Other Liabilities	1,661,733.43
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	1,500,000.00
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$14,035,487.08

MUTUAL BENEFIT HEALTH & ACCIDENT ASSN., Omaha, Neb.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1943

Mortgage Loans	\$44,774.53
Stocks & Bonds	26,555,176.74
Cash in Office & Bank	2,921,701.43
Agents' Balances	130,693.03
Interest & Rents	200,903.80
Other Assets	382,334.09
Gross Assets	\$30,215,584.52
Less items not admitted	259,095.50
Admitted	\$29,956,489.02
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1943	
Unpaid Losses	\$10,849,095.26
Unearned Premiums	8,599,894.20
Other Liabilities	5,046,755.07
Surplus over Liabilities	7,500,743.59
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$29,956,489.02

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ASSETS DEC. 31,